

Page 4, Line 17, before this line insert the following paragraph heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--

Page 9, Line 38, delete the paragraph starting on line 38

IN THE CLAIMS

Before claim 1, change "Claims" to --WE CLAIM:--

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and substitute the following claims 9-18 therefor:

9. (new) Insulation element (4, 4'), comprising at least one nonwoven layer (5) and/or a foam layer (11) being enclosed by a film layer (1), wherein the film layer (1) comprises a flame-retardant material preferably closed to vapour diffusion, wherein the film layer (1) has through-openings (2) and the through-openings (2) are open to vapour diffusion.

10. (new) Insulation element according to claim 9, wherein the through-openings (2) comprise cut-outs (2) formed in the film layer (1) and the cut-outs (2) are closed

by a second film (3) of material which is open to vapour diffusion, disposed in a window-like manner.

11. (new) Insulation element according to claim 9, wherein the through-openings (2) are formed as circular holes.

12. (new) Insulation element according to claim 10, wherein the second film (3) is disposed as a second film layer under the film layer (1) constituting an outer film layer and such that it covers the latter even in regions without through-openings (2).

13. (new) Insulation element according to claim 10, wherein the second film (3) and the film layer (1) constituting an outer film layer are laminated to each other.

14. (new) Insulation element according to claim 12, further comprising a third film layer (1') disposed under the second film layer (3) and the third film layer (1') has through-openings (2') which are open to vapour diffusion.